

**Syllabus**  
**MUS 108T Beginning Strings**  
Tue & Thu 12:00 - 12:50PM | MUSA131  
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**Office Hours:** Tue/Thu. 10am-noon, Wednesdays 5pm-7pm, or by appointment

**Course Objectives**

Acquire a basic proficiency and understanding of bowed string instrument technique. Each student will focus on one instrument. At the completion of the course the student should feel comfortable playing with the Intermediate Orchestra.

**Attendance**

As this course possesses a training emphasis, attendance greatly benefits each participant. You are expected to attend all class meetings. I will allow a few exceptions based on life's unexpected surprises. The following are permitted:

1 unexcused absence Up to 3 excused absences\* 6 or more absences will result in a failing grade.

Absences in excess of the permitted amount will result in a half-grade deduction from your overall score. Tardiness in excess of 5 minutes will be treated as an absence. Please respect your peers and be on time.

\*Excused absences include (but are not limited to) illness, family emergencies, and legitimate professional opportunities. In order for an absence to be excused it *must* be documented and cleared with me.

**Grading**

Grades will be assigned for attendance, practice logs (when assigned), and playing tests.

**Resources**

*Naxos Music Library:* Access to virtually everything you could ever want to listen to in classical

music.

*Oxford Music Online*: Go here instead of Wikipedia to answer any music questions.

To access these go to <http://libguides.humboldt.edu/c.php?g=303716&p=2027268> (bookmark that link) and click the service you want. You will then have to log in with your HSU credentials.

Or do it the long way:

Go to <http://library.humboldt.edu> and hover over “search and locate” then click “articles and databases and click “music.” Click the service you want. You will then have to log in with your HSU credentials.

YouTube is also a good resource to find video of great string performers.

The good people at the instrument shop will help you borrow and maintain your instruments.

## **Course Overview**

Course activities are subject to change as needed but generally follow a logical progression. Absence from some classes may adversely affect your understanding of future class materials.

**9/22 Playing Test 1**

**10/27 Playing Test 2**

**12/8 Playing Test 3**

## **Syllabus Addendum**

Campus Policies and Resources:

<http://www2.humboldt.edu/academicprograms/syllabus-addendum-campus-resources-policies>

I encourage students to review this information to understand your rights as well as the expectation the University has for students and instructors. Please review especially the Attendance and Disruptive Behavior Policy and Student Code of Conduct as we will require a respectful and peaceful environment for our work. Counseling and Psychological Services and can also serve as a huge benefit to University students in the midst of stress and social difficulties.